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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2003 for three (3) month(s) from July 23, 2003 to October 23, 2003. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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